



## Race-Specific Briefing Notes

### Clubmans Sports Prototype Championship

Croft Circuit, 21<sup>st</sup>/ 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

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**I wish to welcome you all to the Croft circuit for this weekend's rounds of the Clubmans Sports Prototype Championship 2021.**

It is superb to be back at Croft for the Battle of Britain Race Meeting and I am confident that we will all enjoy a brilliant weekend of motorsport courtesy of the Darlington and District Motor Club.

Thank you for your support of the Clubmans Sports Prototype Championship this weekend, which is greatly appreciated by the Club.

This weekend, as previously at Croft the meeting is a combined Car / Bike meeting and will be very busy both in the paddock and roadways. Please take extra care when driving around the paddock roads and keep an extra watch out for bikes and pedestrians when moving around.

Darlington and District race control team will try to run ahead of the timetable if possible so please keep a watch of what is due out on track prior to your sessions and an ear out for Tannoy announcements for cars being called to assembly. When required, please make your way to assembly as soon as possible, especially to allow time for noise checking prior to qualifying. Please remember that a race prior to yours could be red flagged and shortened so it is always important to be in assembly just in case we need to release you all to the grid earlier than originally planned.

As I am aware that the initial timetables sent out by Darlington & District may have been incorrect therefore I have included below the latest version as published on the 18<sup>th</sup> August at 22.35 hrs.

Please also refer to the Driver Briefing Notes and Final Instructions sent out by Darlington & District.



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#### Timetable

Saturday			
Start time	Class	Session	Time
09.30	FSRA F2 Sidecars	Warm up	10 minutes
09.50	Focus Cup	Qualifying	15 minutes
10.20	KMSC Modsports	Qualifying	15 minutes
10.45	Solo Motorcycles	Qualifying	15 minutes
11.10	FSRA F2 Sidecars	Qualifying	15 minutes
11.55	Pre Injection Sidecars	Qualifying	15 minutes
12.25	NSSCC	Qualifying	15 minutes
12.40	Clubman's	Qualifying	15 minutes
12.55	Lunch Break		60 Minutes
13.55	Solo Motorcycles	Race 1	8 Laps
14.05	Pre Injection Sidecars	Race 2	8 Laps
14.30	Focus Cup	Race 3	15 minutes
15.00	KMSC Modsports	Race 4	15 minutes
15.30	Clubman's	Race 5	15 minutes
15.55	FSRA F2 Sidecars	Race 6	10 Laps
16.20	NSSCC	Race 7	15 minutes + 1 lap
16.50	Focus Cup	Race 8	15 minutes
17.15	Solo Motorcycles	Race 9	8 Laps
17.40	Pre Injection Sidecars	Race 10	8 Laps
Sunday			
12.00	FSRA F2 Sidecars	Warm up	10 minutes
12.20	SLS	Race 11	20 minutes
12.50	Clubman's	Race 12	15 minutes
13.20	Solo Motorcycles	Race 13	8 laps
13.40	Pre Injection Sidecars	Race 14	10 laps
14.10	KMSC Modsports	Race 15	15 minutes
14.40	Clubman's	Race 16	15 minutes
15.05	FSRA F2 Sidecars	Race 17	10 Laps
15.40	SLS	Race 18	20 minutes
16.10	NSSCC	Race 19	15 minutes+ 1 lap
16.35	Solo Motorcycles	Race 20	8 laps
17.00	SLS	Race 21	20 minutes

#### Circuit access for Qualifying and Races;

Please assemble in the designated assembly area. For practice, you will be signalled to go directly out onto the circuit. For your race, you will be signalled to go out onto the circuit behind an official Safety Car using the short cut to the grid prior to the start of your race.

Noise checking will be carried out in the designated area just prior the Assembly Area entrance from the Paddock.

Please keep to the left of the blend line onto the circuit upon exiting the Pit Lane at any time during the weekend.



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#### **Qualifying and Grid Positions:**

In this meeting there are 3 races in a 2 day format, the grid for Race 1 will be set according to the fastest lap times achieved in qualifying. Race 2 grid will be according to the fastest lap times achieved in Race 1 and Race 3 grid will be formed from the finishing positions in Race 2.

#### **Race Procedure:**

When all cars are in place the starter will show a 1 min board, 30 sec board & Green flag to commence the Green flag lap. You will come back to your grid positions. Once the last car is in position the 5 sec Board will be shown, red lights turned on and between 2-7 secs later red lights off – Race Start.

Should you not able to proceed on the Green Flag lap in position and all other cars pass you please do not take up your grid position you must stay and the back and start from this position.

Should track conditions change from Dry Qualifying to Wet for the race start the procedure will in summary be one of two potential options;

- a) Two Green Flag laps – back to Grid for standing start. Race time may start at commencement of 2<sup>nd</sup> Green Flag
- b) If conditions should dictate –We may consider a start behind Safety Car until conditions considered suitable for racing. This would be in single file format from the grid under S/C conditions.

#### **On Track:**

It is essential that all drivers take care when overtaking or lapping slower cars. It is the responsibility of the faster car to overtake safely and all drivers must keep a constant watch in their mirrors for faster cars coming up behind, but please do not make a sudden change of direction in such a situation or as a result of seeing Blue Flags.

As always please respect other drivers and ensure that they have the track space that they need to be safe. Please do not attempt risky manoeuvres or aggressive defending of position. There are plenty of safe overtaking opportunities on the circuit.



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Please ensure there is no contact between cars and please drive with awareness of each other and be ready for the unexpected!

**Some key points to remember please when on track;**

You may only move once in front of a car, that is to say you can only move left or right in front of the car, not both.

Pushing or squeezing competitors off the track is strictly forbidden (i.e. reducing the available track width to less than a cars width). If two cars approach a bend together (i.e. side by side), then the car on the racing line cannot chop the corner (i.e. cannot take the racing line) space must be given to the car on the inside. Once the car on the inside is half way alongside (i.e. front wheels level with the driver) then space must be given to that car. You can go through bends side by side.

**In poor visibility and wet weather**, all drivers must remember that there may be much slower cars ahead of them, or much faster cars behind them: concealed in the spray. If you are closing on a slower car in heavy spray remember that it is very unlikely that he can see you in his mirrors! Please ensure you have your rear lights on.

**Please respect Track Limits at all times** – Please remember to keep all four wheels inside of White Lines and on Kerbs but not behind them. Judges of fact around the circuit will report should you go beyond the Track Limits.

**Please observe all flag / light signals** – Please no overtaking under Yellows / Safety Car, or Red Flags.

**Live Snatch** – Local Live Snatch will **not** be used for Clubmans Sports Prototypes, without the use of the Safety Car.

**Safety Car** – will be deployed as per Final Instructions - It will join the circuit at Pit Lane Exit after the first lap – Please close the train as safely and as quickly as possible without overtaking whilst taking caution for any incident / marshals / recovery on circuit. When the Safety Car is due to come in the roof lights will be extinguished and the Safety Car will enter the Pit Lane. Please remember NO Overtaking until you cross the Control Line.



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If you are the leader in a race and see safety car boards and flags please slow down and create a large gap between yourself and cars that may be running in front of you and potentially due to be lapped so that we can launch the Safety Car cleanly ahead of the leader.

#### **If you have mechanical problems while on track:**

Please get the car into the pits or off the track at a safe stopping point close to the nearest marshal post as soon as possible. Please indicate to marshals what type of recovery you will need. Leave the car with steering wheel correctly attached, drive in neutral, and the electrics isolated. We must all please remember to ensure that all current Covid-19 policies and precautions are adhered to throughout the weekend and your cooperation with this will be greatly appreciated for the safety of all concerned.

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Once again, many thanks for your support of the Club and the meeting and let us all enjoy a fantastic event. Please stay safe.

**Many thanks,**

**Terry Scannell**  
**Clerk of Course**